

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors National Human Genome Research Institute

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors National Human Genome Research Institute

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

1919

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

07/15/1994

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 USC 282(b)(16)

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

### Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratory

### Start

11/09/2017

### End

- 11/09/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$38,568.00	\$39,301.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$5,763.00	\$5,823.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$4,175.00	\$4,259.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$49,906.00	\$50,783.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.50	0.50

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Section 402 (b)(3) of the Public Health Service states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This board assesses the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of all scientific investigators, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The board is composed entirely of scientific and technical experts. The Board of Scientific Counselors reviews all tenure and tenured-track intramural scientists at NHGRI.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Board of Scientific Counselors consists of nine members, including the Chair. The Chair and members are selected by the Director, NIH, from authorities knowledgeable in the fields of gene therapy, diagnostics, medical genetics, human genetics, cancer genetics, molecular biology, and genomics.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board of Scientific Counselors meets approximately once a year to advise the Director, NIH; the Deputy Director for Intramural Research, NIH; the Director, NHGRI; and the Scientific Director, NHGRI, concerning the Institute's intramural research programs and through periodic visits to assess the research in progress, the proposed research, and the productivity and performance of NHGRI scientists. The Board conducted one meeting during this period on the following date: November 09, 2017.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Board of Scientific Counselors is composed of scientific members who provide peer review, advise on policy development, program implementation and development, and identify research needs and opportunities for the Intramural Program of the National Human Genome Research Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this board cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the board is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the board and the National Human Genome Research Institute.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors was closed to the public for the review of the laboratories of the Intramural Program of the National Human Genome Research Institute. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

## 21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. The DFO and Decision Maker are the same person, the Scientific Director, National Human Genome Research Institute. The Board makes recommendations on intramural lab and confidential personnel matters and federal staff involvement is kept at a minimum.

## Designated Federal Officer

DANIEL L. KASTNER SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ATKINSON, JOHN	07/01/2015	06/30/2018	SAMUEL B. GRANT PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Adams-Campbell, Lucile	08/30/2016	06/30/2021	Professor, Associate Director at Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Copeland, Neal	09/18/2017	06/30/2021	Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daly, Mark	01/05/2017	06/30/2019	Co-Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Grody, Wayne	03/27/2017	06/30/2019	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LEE, BRENDAN	06/03/2016	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Petersen, Gloria	12/06/2013	06/30/2018	Professor of Epidemiology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Radich, Jerald	07/01/2012	06/30/2018	Associate Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Townes, Tim	08/31/2016	06/30/2021	Professor and Chairman at the University of Alabama at Birmingham	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

## Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, for the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402 (b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that "the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with

section 492.” Section 492(b) states that the “Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health.” This Board assesses the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of investigators, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new way to treat and prevent diseases.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

Recommendations included principal investigators, initiatives and policy changes.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Recommendations of the committee were fully implemented.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Committee members are notified of the results of their actions and recommendations.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities

and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

IC Committee Management Officer 240-669-5201